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1. A meeting was held 29 January 1967 in Brussels to choose a committee which would decide on activities designed to support the International War Crimes Tribunal. Those present were Rosie Noileader, the deputy Marc Drumaux of the Belgian Communist Party (BCP) Central Committee, the Belgian Trotskyist Pierre Le Greve, Louise Struelens Lacharon, Dr. J. Leemans, Marie-Paule Ekenasi, the trade unionist Paul Bourdouxhe, the lawyer Cecile Draps, the pro-Chinese leftist Baron Antoine Albert G.M. Allard, Antoine Audica, Edith Buch, (fnu) Schittegatte of the Union of the Socialist Left (UGS), Philipp Peik, the Priest (fnu) Collignon, Miss (fnu) Derstanche, Jean Gadin, Robert Nicolas, M. Corign, (fnu) Weinstock (Assistant at Gand University), and others.
2. At the meeting it was agreed that the Belgian Committee would sponsor, organize, and preside over the following activities:
 - a) a press conference in February with participation of individuals connected with the Tribunal;
 - b) conferences in different regions, to be held a little later, with participation of "witnesses" of the Tribunal, i.e., people who undertook certain missions and reported to the Tribunal;
 - c) finally a large conference with someone like Jean Paul Sartre and perhaps Bertrand Russell present. Drumaux proposed that Isabelle Blume, Coordinating President of the World Council of Peace, be asked to speak at this conference. This proposal was rejected under the pretext that it was necessary to limit speakers to those sent by the Tribunal.

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3. In addition, a decision was made to form a "working committee".
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Comments:

1. Senator Henri Rolin, leader of the Socialist Party in the Belgian Senate, is head of the International Commission of Inquiry for Vietnam, a project of the Communist-front International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL). See [REDACTED] for information on the reactivation of this project.

2. According to [REDACTED] Grippa was indignant that he had been asked by Ralph Schoenman, Secretary for the International War Crimes Tribunal, to join a proposed Belgian committee in support of the Tribunal. Grippa said that he could not directly attack the Tribunal, but he would refuse to join the proposed committee and would denounce the Trotskyites and revisionists on the committee proposed by Schoenman as not being real friends of the Vietnamese people. This he did in his party organ La Voix du Peuple on 27 January 1967.

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